

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A tensioner for a surgical tape comprising a tensioner body having a first opening and a second opening passing therethrough,

wherein said first opening has a first section having size and shape such that a surgical tape of a given size can frictionally move through said first section and a second section having a size and shape to restrainably engage the surgical tape of a given size,

wherein said second opening has a size and shape to restrainably engage the surgical tape of a given size,

wherein the first opening and the second opening are collinear and located along the longitudinal axis of the body.

7. (Original) The tensioner of claim 6, wherein said tensioner is formed of plastic.

8. (Original) The tensioner of claim 6, wherein said first section of said first opening has a circular cross-section.

9. (Original) The tensioner of claim 6, wherein said second section of said first opening is an elongated slot.

10. (Original) The tensioner of claim 6, wherein said second opening is an elongated slot.

Claims 11-13. (Cancelled)